

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 17, 2010

Present: Ron Blum, Dave Pinsonnault, Willit Mason, Richard Wallace, Susan Waddington

Absent: John Alves, Michael Kreysig, Tom Clancy, Jim Tusino

The meeting was called to order in the BOS Room by the Chair at 7:10

Old Business

1. Minutes of the May 3 meeting were approved.

New Business

1. Presentation to the BOS on May 12 went smoothly with information presented on our coming application process and public hearing.

2. Richard passed out the latest edition of the application process including procedure, forms and definitions. He will also add a short introduction. Ron will circulate this with some minor tweaks to all committee members. Those from specific boards/areas will review the criteria, etc. in their area one more time. Others should review as much as possible, giving a fresh look to the entire process.

As he works on this, Richard is also putting together pieces of our Community Preservation Plan – a long term document.

3. Ron will be at the early part of Town Meeting to present our report (the initial warrant article calls for reports from committees). If he needs to leave early Richard will be available to speak on Article 18 (our budget article) if required. All members are urged to be there in support.

4. The Public Hearing will be held on June 15 if a room in Town Hall is available and will be televised live. I will get public notices into the Seekonk Star for 2 weeks and one week ahead, make arrangements for the room, and see if Ellie Wiseman is available to tape it live for us.

5. The proposed taping of an informational session on the Town Warrant was cancelled due to lack of time.

6. Willit Mason presented a question about an open space project which would meet CPA goals, but which has a time factor that would be hard to meet given our current plans for opening the application process. The ensuing discussion

covered two areas. The first concerns getting the application process done and ready for public introduction. The second was use of CPA funds for an appraisal.

For the 1st, Ron asked that we return our comments on the application process within a week. At the same time he is conferring with the Town Administrator and Stuart Saginor at the Community Preservation Organization to be sure that our process is acceptable. This being the case, we can then open applications on June 7.

For the 2nd, because the appraisal would need to be done before our CPA procedures were in place, it was decided that the Seekonk Land Trust would seek appraisal funds from another source to avoid any appearance of impropriety. (Administrative CPA funds can be used for appraisals – it's just that the timing will not work in this situation).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk

Next meeting: June 15 BOS Room 6:00 (prior to the public hearing)